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THE EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent circulation in Washington three times larger than that of any other paper in the city. As a local News paper and Advertising Medium it has no competitor.

The fate of Dr. Briggs had not been decided at a late hour this afternoon. By the vote of the General Assembly last night he was convicted on the charge of heresy, but the judgment of the assembly had not been formulated when these lines were written. Of course, logically, Dr. Briggs must be expelled from the ministry or suspended until he recants. Dr. Briggs' course has been such that it is not probable that he will recant.

As remarked by a member of the assembly in a speech yesterday, the Presbyterian Church could not stamp out the new theology he represented by stamping out Dr. Briggs. Strong evidence of the truth of this assertion was given in the assembly at today's session, for in the hot debate that sprang up in regard to the heresy of the Bible words were spoken by which Dr. Briggs' most objectionable utterances would seem to be the primary kind of orthodoxy. There is no one in a Christian land, whether in the Presbyterian Church or out of it, who would, if he cared for the good of his country, undertake to unsettle the faith of the people in the Bible as containing the teachings which God wished the people to have; so the Church has the support in a general way of all good people in its effort to maintain the character of the Bible as the word of God. Still that it is necessary to declare that every word and line are inerrant, as a matter of history as well as a matter of faith, is something which many of the most thoughtful and reverent believers question. The fact that 116 members of the assembly, including some of the most scholarly men in that body, voted practically to acquit Dr. Briggs shows that in that great Church, there are many who believe in the liberty of thought, study and criticism claimed by Dr. Briggs. They declare that they do not fear that the higher criticism can injure the truth or detract from the value of the Bible.

The action of the assembly brings up an interesting question as to its relations with the general theological community, which, despite the assembly's condemnation, has stood by Dr. Briggs. If Dr. Briggs is expelled this assembly must either retract its utterances made in support of Dr. Briggs or go with Dr. Briggs out of the church, and teach theology according to its own lights, irrespective of the standards adhered to by the General Assembly. At any rate it will be interesting to see what the sentiment of the theological community will be a year hence when similar questions come up in the case of Prof. Henry Preserved Smith. The Briggs men claim that their numbers have been growing, and that if a postponement could have been secured for another year they would have been on nearly even terms with the conservatives.

That the making of a diocese of Washington and the establishment here of a great cathedral should be the more important topics discussed at the Protestant Episcopal convention now in session in Baltimore is not at all surprising. With more rapidity than is evident in any other country, the Episcopal Church in this region is coming to grow daily. Since Bishop Pratt was placed at the head of the diocese of Maryland the work of his exalted office has steadily increased until now it is too much for one man's physical energy. Speaking of this the bishop said yesterday that division will be absolutely necessary before long, and that in his opinion it would not be wise to wait until the necessary division had been made. "In the city of Washington," he said, "God has given us national opportunities and national responsibilities. Powers of all kinds are centering there. The church should be strongly represented there. It was the rule of the church in its best and earliest days that every strong city should have its bishop. And if there is a city in our land where more than in any other the rule should be followed it is Washington. Other religious bodies have taken bold steps to take possession. We should not allow any force for the dignity of our own strength, nor any loving sentiment for the diocese as it is, to stand in the way of the church's real progress."

Appreciation of the advantages consequent upon extensive and imposing representation in this city was also made in the opening sermon preached by the Rev. Clarence Dool of Cumberland. He advocated the upbuilding of a grand cathedral as a means to the end of greater glorification of the church, its mission, and its motive force. The preparatory local endeavor has proceeded smoothly; the Protestant Episcopal Foundation has legal and active existence; public sentiment is unanimously favorable; large donations of land and money have been made and in a little while there will arise in our midst one of the noblest of edifices—another great educational and inspirational source, of which the country no less than the Episcopal Church will have reason to be proud.

With every expression of undoubtedly sincere and reverent belief the soul is escorted to its earthly place of rest the remains of him who thirty years ago was the head and front of a movement which, had it succeeded, would have rent the Union and destroyed a greater republic than Rome could ever have been. Incidental to the interment was military pomp and the mourning of thousands whose hearts once throbbled in sympathy with the cause that was lost forever in the year of Appomattox. A wealth of eulogy has been poured over the ex-chief's body and his praises have been sounded abroad from the Rio Grande to the James, but there was absence of such expressions as call forth objection or awaken bitter controversy. None of the men who followed the "stars and bars" to final capitulation have forgotten that the interment difference of opinion was settled long ago. The two great representative figures of the bloodiest period in American history are at rest. There is to be no strife over their graves.

The "Secretary of the National Live Stock Show and Blood Horse Association" was very long on title, but very short on finance.

The annexation agitation has evidently done a great deal toward booming Hawaiian journalism.

Nicaragua is again pined, and will now have a chance to take breath and get ready for the next revolution.

People who happen to lose their valuable while perambulating around within the world's fence may extract much consolation from the assurance of Chief Bonfield of the Exposition Secret Service, in the North American Review for June. To protect honest visitors to the fair from the light-fingered experts who would naturally move Chicagoan this summer a great secret service has been organized. Some time ago the department of works issued a circular letter to the police authorities in the cities of this country and Europe, asking them to detail two men from each city to carry under the department during the Exposition period the salaries of the men to be continued by their home departments, but their transportation and an allowance for expenses to be paid by the Exposition during the term of service. The invitation was also extended to the management of the great penal institutions of this country. Chief Bonfield says that in almost every case the letter met with more than a prompt response, and that more than six hundred men reported for duty. "If a criminal happens to enter the gates of the Exposition," says the chief, "he will find the odds very much against the pursuit of his calling. Officers detailed for the purpose will be stationed at every gate and entrance in citizens' clothes, to report such arrivals. If by any chance the unwelcome visitor passes the gate without detection, he is apt to meet an officer from his home at any point within the grounds. And if, in spite of these chances against him, he picks a pocket, or attempts to steal anything, an alarm will find the gates at every point of exit furnished with a description of the offender." And yet some expert succeeded in breaking into a guarded showcase, right under the noses of Chief Bonfield's sleuths. He got away with his booty and is still at liberty. He was either exceptionally clever or very lucky and a duplication of his daring deed by no means probable. Exhibitors and visitors may and doubtless will appreciate the police precautions.

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In the Baltimore circuit court yesterday Judge Dennis decided that the City Passenger Railway Company has the right to erect trolley poles and string wires therefrom on Baltimore street. We extend to our sister city renewed assurances of our distinguished commiseration, and trust that when one or more of the big business houses that the city might happen to be on fire that none of the plucky fire-fighters or innocent spectators may achieve speedy dislocation through the volt-laden obstructions which will speedily go up. Thoughtful people continue to be surprised at the overhead-trolley extensions in Baltimore and elsewhere when they remember that in this city and at least two other cities there are in successful operation underground systems that render the use of the overhead trolley entirely unnecessary and inexcusable.

Who says that figures cannot lie? According to the Baltimore American our base ball team is sixth in the race for the pennant; the New York Tribune, Herald and Times think we are in eighth place, while the sporting mathematicians on the New York Sun, World and Recorder put us in the ninth hole. The last calculation is correct, but the calculations made by the first two are not.

A Baltimore policeman who lived up to police traditions by going to sleep while on duty has been dismissed from the force. This summary action of the police board is open to criticism. The authorities should not have acted without first warning the officers that a time-honored custom would hereafter be regarded as an offense.

Some trolley electricity broke into a Brooklyn house, melted the water pipes, set fire to the roof and conducted itself in a generally reprehensible manner. We are fast approaching a period where it will be hard to find anything objectionable that is not included in the trolley's list of achievements.

The eastern coal agents have advanced the price once more, but the average consumer will at this season regard the step with nothing more than mild curiosity.

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An Ohio musical prodigy has run away from home. Probably he wanted to enjoy the luxury of being an ordinary small boy for awhile.

Iowa is bringing forth evidence to show that she is not to be outdone either in dynamite practice or in pension frauds.

Any new church that Dr. Briggs might see fit to found could not possibly fail for lack of advertising.

Editor Myrick declines to join the New York Reform Club. He evidently realizes the advantage of staying where he can have his say.

THE GRADUATE GIRL.
Her essay is as pretty as a poem;
She's determined to show 'em
That none can be any more pretty than she—
But her dress is a poem.

"Is he a young man of good address?" asked the proprietor when the applicant for a position had left.
"I should say so," replied the bookkeeper.
"He lives in one of the sweetest parts of the city."

THE FATE OF A MASCOT.
A number of Baltimorean boys were seen going toward the river with a yellow dog.
"Where did you get that pup?" asked the policeman.
"He's mine," replied a member of the group.
"What are you going to do with him?"
"Well, yet so early in this season when we are all enthusiastic we took this dog as our mascot. Now we're going to put 'im out of 'is misery.'"

SHE FELT SAFE.
"Are you afraid of burglars?" said the lady who was making a short visit.
"Not since our new girl came. The policeman spends most of his time at our house now."

THE FORM OF EXPRESSION.
"So, she said I was absent minded," said Chappie.
"Not exactly. She said your conversation showed a remarkable absence of mind."

In summers that are past and gone the weather seemed to be the owner of the cottage by the sea.
But it's different at present, and the citizen is gay.
While the summer landlords with a nice hot wave would come their way.

AN EDUCATION.
"I know why people dislike the Chinese so much," said Maud to Mamie.
"So do I. It's because they dress so outlandishly."
"It is not."
"What is the reason?"
"It's because the Chinese are a trust. There are six companies of them and they're getting a monopoly of the laundry business. Got any gum?"

A Grocery Oracle.
Oh, I've heard Daniel Webster, an' he spouted like a good 'un.
An' the ripplin' roarin' ravin' of the slambang 'Burr's' choate.
But for unfilled clerkance an' intellectual pudd'n'
Sam Pickering at Blacmon's store jest geth-ers in my vote.

With jollity an' goggerly, an' rife tickle he rastes.
An' he grabs the cyclopedy an' he slings it fair and flat.
An' he rips up all the sciences an' flings 'em round in pascals.
For the reservoir of wisdom spouts from jest beneath his hat.